

Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: Monday, May 20, 2013
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular 4:00-7:30 PM

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Leon LeBlanc, Thomas Snyder, David Maroun, Richard Donah and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain

Also present were Tish Biesemeyer and Ian Corieu from Burnham Benefit Advisors.

Call Regular Meeting

To Order Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda at 4:00 pm.

Burnham Benefit
Advisors

Tish Biesemeyer and Ian Corieu from Burnham Benefit Advisors. were present to discuss health care reform and how it will affect the future cost and management of our health care needs.

Executive Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to enter into Executive Session at 5:00 pm to discuss personnel issues.

Part-time Officer
Request to Exceed
20 hr Minimum

Due to the extended sick leave of an officer it was requested that we ask Franklin County Civil Service for permission to exceed the 20 hr. minimum for one of our part-time officers. It was so moved by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder. (Carried 5-0)

Part-time Trained
Officer Thomas
Fee Hired

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to hire Mr. Thomas Fee in as a part-time officer at a rate of pay of \$20.66. (Carried 5-0)

Abolish Part-time
Sgt. Position & Create
Additional Part-time
Officer

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to ask the Franklin County Personnel Office to abolish the part-time sergeant position and create an additional part-time police officer position. (Carried 5-0)

Police Chief &
Deputy Village
Treasurer Raise

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize a 1.5% contract raise for 2013-14 & 2014-15 contract years for the Police Chief Eric Proulx and Deputy Village Treasurer Jacqueline St. Louis in line with the rest of the membership. (Carried 5-0)

Appoint Electric
Arbitrator

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to appoint Mr. Mark Robillard to sit on our arbitration panel for the Electric Department. (Carried 5-0)

Summer Laborer
Tanner Charland

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to re-hire Mr. Tanner Charland as a summer laborer for the park at a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour. (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive
Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to exit Executive Session at 5:55 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Also present were residents Ronald LaScala, Steve Furnia, Electric Department Superintendent John Bouck, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Volunteer Fire Department Member Mark Picerno, News Reporters Jessica Collier, Mary Peryea and Ted Morgan.

Also present were Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Department of Public Works Michael Sparks, residents Ronald LaScala, James Foti, Steve Furnia, Boy Scouts Max and Lucas Smetanic, and news reporters Mary Peryea, Ted Morgan and Jessica Collier.

Call Regular Meeting
To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:00 pm.

Pledge

Pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Collin Gillis.

Open Public
Comment Period:
Steve Furnia

Mr. Steve Furnia asked for an update on Balsam Avenue.

Mayor Maroun advised that he has given Mr. Clark and Mr. Pickering one month to have their property surveyed. We expect to have our survey map any day now from surveyor John Martino.

Donation Accepted Ronald LaScala	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept a \$50.00 donation toward the Police/Fire Emergency Services Building Project from Mr. Ronald LaScala. (Carried 5-0)
2 nd Annual Learn, Play, Go Family Day	the Learn, Play, Go Family Fun Activities and Resources planning team will host their 2 nd annual event Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the LP Quinn Elementary School.
NYS Police Car Seat Inspection	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize the NYS Police to reserve the High Street Fire Station for their annual car seat check point in the event the weather is bad on Tuesday, June 11, 2013. (Carried 5-0)
Rabies Clinic Set May 31, 2013	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to authorize the Franklin County Rabies Clinic to hold their annual rabies clinic at the High Street Fire Station on Friday, May 31, 2013 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. (Carried 5-0)
AMC Dental Clinic May to October	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize the Adirondack Medical Center Dental Clinic to utilize the Municipal Park during the months of May to October of 2013. (Carried 5-0)
Approve Minutes	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the Board Minutes from April 15, 16, 30, 2013 and May 13, 2013. (Carried 5-0)
Code Enforcement: Accept April Report	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the April 2013 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 5-0)
Untarpped Load Enforcement	Code Enforcement Officer advised the board that the untarpped load compliance is being enforced at the TL Transfer Station.
Franklin County E911 Training	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah for the Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards to attend training at the Franklin County Emergency Services building in Malone, NY on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. (Carried 5-0)
Small Cities: Grant Update	Mayor Maroun advised that the Village has resubmitted our application to the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation for consideration since they never awarded the grant monies last year.

Water/Wastewater:
NYS DOT
Reconstruction
Project – AEDA
Contract

After a brief discussion it was tabled until a future meeting.

Water Restriction for
Summer 2013

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve water restrictions for the Village & Town of Tupper Lake as follows:

- Watering will only be allowed for uptown residents to Santa Clara Avenue on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Watering will only be allowed for the downtown area residents from Santa Clara Avenue to the junction on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- Watering is restricted for both areas on Mondays.

It was noted that the reasons for the water restrictions was due to the aging water filtration plant on Maddox Lane. (Carried 5-0)

Replace 2000 Ford
F150

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to authorize the replacement of the 2000 Ford F150 from NYS Contract due to the severe deterioration of the vehicles body. (Carried 5-0)

Groundwater Supply
Project Update

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that he has received permission from the Lyme Timber, Bencze and Mauer to inspect their properties for groundwater source.

Infield Water Line

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised his department has successfully installed 1 ½” of water connector for the infield at the Municipal Park. They will be ordering the supplies for the firemen’s strip in the coming weeks.

Commend Work
Crews Roofing Job

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard took a moment to commend his work crews for the roofing workmanship on the Chlorine and Water/Wastewater Buildings.

DPW:
National Grid
Railroad Ties &
Rail Removal

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a letter of consent with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid to start the necessary work along the railroad corridor for our Multi-Use Connector Trail Grant. (Carried 5-0)

Playground
Bid Awards MJ
Raymond
Construction, LLC

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to award to the low bidders who were MJ Raymond Construction, LLC in the amount of \$213,386.00 for work described as the base bid and alternate #'s 1, 3, 4c, &6 and Bears Playgrounds in the amount of \$99,463.00 for the work and equipment identified as the base bid only. (Carried 5-0)

Approve Terrain
NYC AIA Contract

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally authorize Mayor Maroun to execute the AIA Standard Form Contract for Professional Services as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Police:
Accept April
Report

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the April 2013 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 5-0)

NYS DOT Perm 1
Undertaking

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally approve NYSDOT PERM 1 Undertaking to facilitate future parades and the like on the affected state highways in our community. (Carried 5-0)

Flutterbug the Clown
Bike Rodeo

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to hire Flutterbug the Clown for the Bike Rodeo in the amount of \$350.00 for the 6th Annual Celebration of Youth. (Carried 5-0)

LaFayette Street
Stop Sign

Police Chief Eric Proulx asked the Village DPW to install a stop sign at the intersection of LaFayette Street and Woulf Avenue.

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to set a public hearing for June 17, 2013 at 5:45 pm to address several traffic changes including a stop sign for LaFayette St. (Carried 5-0)

Fire:
Accept April's
Report

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the April 2013 Monthly Report. (Carried 5-0)

Pump Test
#169

It was noted that #169 the 1983 Pierce was out of service until springs and rear differential seal could be replaced on the vehicle and it needs to be pump tested.

Community Thank-You

Referendum Passing Trustee Donah and Mayor Maroun thanked the residents and taxpayers of the Village for coming out and supporting our efforts of replacing the fire and police stations.

Formally Accept
Voting Results

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the voting results from the May 7th, 2013 Referendum Vote of 364 votes in favor and 298 votes against on the following proposition:

Shall the Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tupper Lake, Franklin County, New York, dated April 8, 2013, authorizing the issuance of \$3,200,000 of general obligation serial bonds of the Village to pay the costs of the acquisition of an approximately 2-acre parcel of vacant land located on Santa Clara Avenue and the construction thereon of an approximately 16,000 square-foot, single-story, emergency services facility to house the Village of Tupper Lake Fire Department and Police Department, including site work improvements and other incidental improvements and costs, as identified in the notice of this referendum, be approved?

(Carried 5-0)

Santa Clara Fire

Contract Discussion Mayor Maroun advised that this Thursday, May 23, 2013 he and the Fire Chief were going to be meeting with representatives from the Town of Santa Clara board about extending fire coverage to the Fish Hatchery Road.

Vehicle Replacement
Plan

Mayor Maroun advised that the fire chief is working on a vehicle replacement program and it will be presented at a future meeting.

Electric:

Electric Curtailment There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the month of June 1-30, 2013.

Treasurer:

Approve Warrant Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the warrant in the amount of \$350,318.00 for payment of the bills for May 20, 2013 and to approve the abstract of audited vouchers for the month of April 2013. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash
Position

Review the monthly cash position for April 30, 2013.

Mary Jane Kennedy
Resignation Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally accept the resignation of Mary Jane Kennedy effective July 19, 2013. (Carried 5-0)

Amell Lane Update Mayor Maroun advised that Department of Public Works Superintendent Michael Sparks and Mr. Amell will be meeting in the coming months to work with us in being able to take possession of the road.

NYS Comptroller
Audit Mayor Maroun advised that the NYS Comptroller has been here for a month and they were very pleased the Village finances. Suggested areas of concern were asset management inventory for the electric utility which is underway as we speak and a current list of inventory for the offices. Standard workday filing for NYS Retirement, Justice Court Bank Reconciliations and Local Law Tax Cap filing.

Grant Update
May 2013 Trustee Donah read the Grant Update for May 2013 from Melissa McManus.

BOA Interviews
Will Be 5/23/13 It was noted that interviews will be held May 23, 2013 for two consultants who expressed an interest in our BOA Grant.

Burnham Benefit
Advisors Mayor Maroun advised that Burnham Benefit Advisors met with the board earlier this evening to give us an update on what is in store with Health Care Reform. Their firm has donated \$250.00 towards our Emergency Services Building Project and \$500.00 towards the TL Golf Course Tournament.

Adjournment Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to adjourn at 7:30 PM. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer